

**COAST response to Roanu up to 12 June 2016
concentration in water, sanitation, advocacy
for most affected Kutubdia of Cox'sbazar**

Tropical cyclone Roanu hit Bangladesh coast on May 21, 2016. Government and the community took advance preparation and protective measures so that the death toll limited to 24 in number. The cyclone damaged approximately 83,978 houses and affected approximately 139,852 families in the impoverished 15 districts of south central and south east coast of the country. Bhola and Cox's Bazar among the 15 districts faced worst situation due to collapse of embankment. In Bhola 134 km and in Cox's Bazar 95 km of embankment fully or partially was washout. Especially 25 km of embankment collapsed in Kutubdia Island; upazila of Cox's Bazar caused multifold suffering for 70 thousand people of five unions. Only Kutubdia community lost assets that cost 50 million taka.

1. Preparedness stage:

COAST declared its principal office, Dhaka as the central control room and other four regional offices as regional control rooms; Bhola, Cox's Bazar, Chittagong and Noakhali COAST started its initiatives from May 19, 2016. These control rooms tracked cyclone paths, signals and coordinated with local administration for supporting evacuation and shelter management.

2. Radion Meghna operation:



COAST operated Radio Meghna (www.radiomeghna.net) circulated government weather bulletin

received from Bangladesh Betar. Radio Meghna kept its operations continued day and night to forecast about cyclone Roanu, preparedness and rehabilitation works after the disaster.

3. Shelter support for people:

Seven COAST offices were turn into cyclone shelters and served two thousand people including dry food drinking water for the day. COAST support government initiatives at local level for evacuation and shelter management standby its 1200 staffs

for providing district any support deemed necessary by the government and others.

4. Dry food distribution at Kutubdia:

COAST provided emergency relief to 1800 families



in the Uttar Dhurong, Dakkin Dhurang and Ali Akbar Dail unions of Kutubdia upazila. COAST provided dry

foods and bottled water through the local administration. COAST staffs also support Upzila administration during distributing 65 metric tons of rice.

5. Distribution of drinking water:



COAST staffs continuously distributing pure drinking water with operating two water purifying machines in five unions of Kutubdia Upazila, Cox's Bazar. Last 11 days we

distributed 26,500 liters of drinking water among affected people. COAST purchased 2 water purifier kits at a cost of taka 5,20,000/- and spent tk-22,000/- for trolley and labor cost for carrying the machines and water.

6. Dewatering of ponds:

Maximum ponds and sweet water sources had



been overhauled by saline water. COAST is dewatering the ponds flooded by saline water. Till to date 38 ponds have

been clean. COAST purchased 6 machines costing tk-1,80,000/-. The community had supported fuel and machine carrying cost for dewatering these 38 ponds.

7. Operating Primary health camp and satellite clinic:



Since May 22, 2016 COAST is operating 10 health camps at different growth centers in Kutubdia

Upazilla. Three

MBBS doctors from the Upazila health complex and three medical assistants along with 7 paramedics and community health volunteers are working at those camps. Till to date 6000 people took health services from these camps. COAST has also providing essential medicines of tk- 30,000/- with free of cost.

8. Water and Sanitation campaign:

45 ECD school teachers divided in 9 groups and campaigned for 2 days on bad impact of using saline water for drinking and using. They announced and warned people through courtyard meeting in four affected unions of Kutubdia; Koiarbill, Lemshi, Dakhsin Dhuran and Uttar Dhuran.

9. Tube Well repair:

Since 23rd May COAST colleagues along with local



mechanics visited the damaged tube well of the affected unions. Finally took initiatives to repair four tube well in most affected areas with costing of tk-

20,000/-. These tube wells are benefiting 2000 people.

10. Construction of tube well boundary:



Immediate after ROANU hit, affected people of kutubdia especially women had fall an acute problem of

washing and bathing. Because almost the ponds were occupied with saline water. Even two three days women in the affected unions could not take bath. For the demand of the affected people COAST contracted boundary of 20 tube wells so that women can use those for bath and fetch



drinking water. COAST spent tk- 1,80,000/- for tube well

boundary construction.

11. Advocacy for budget allocation in FY 2016-17 for embankment for Bhola and Cox'sbazar and the coast:

Finance minister announce National Budget on 2016-17 on 2nd June'16. COAST studied the budget and found no appropriate budget for addressing Roanu affected people especially for construction and reconstruction of damaged embankment. Along with coastal NGOs network COAST organized Human Chain processions in National level Dhaka, Cox'sbazar and Bhola. At the event speakers demand for allocate embankment constriction and reconstruction budget in 2016-17 FY. They also sought engaging army for immediate construction work, to treat embankment construction as mega project, and other demands.

12. Journalist mobilization:

COAST Mobilized different print and TV media journalists to Kutubdia. ry of were using for bathing and other households needs were Existing vulnerabilities and risks of the affected community of Cox's Bazar and Bhola: ঘূর্ণিঝড় রোয়ানুর প্রভাব কুতুবদিয়ায় বিশুদ্ধ পানির সংকট The daily Prothom Alo published the above news on 9th June'16.

13. Mobilization Humanitarian actors and donors:

COAST prepared a proposal for immediate and long term response and rehabilitation activities for most affected community of Kutubdia Upazila of Cox'sbazar. The proposal had been promoted INGOs working in Bangladesh; Oxfam, Care, Muslim Aid, Christian Aid, Islamic Relief, BRAC, World Vision, and among the donors; DFID and ECHO. <http://coastbd.net/coast-immediate-response-to-roanu-affected-people-in-kutubdia-provides-pure-water-and-relief/> has all updates.

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